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‘Logistics man’ jailed for plot to import cocaine

AN organised crime group’s logistics man from Ormskirk has been jailed for 13 years for his role in a plot to import 400 kilos of cocaine hidden inside a consignment of Argentinian beef.

David McDermott is the last of seven members of the group to be jailed over the failed bid in May 2013.

McDermott, aged 43, went on the run and featured in the Operation Captura fugitive campaign. He was traced to Ghana in March 2016 and arrested in a joint operation by the National Crime Agency and Ghanaian Bureau of National Investigations before being extradited to the UK in May.

He pleaded guilty on the basis that he conspired to import 50 kilos of the 400 kilo load, at Liverpool Crown Court. The cocaine had a value to organised crime of £15m but if cut and sold it would have had a potential street value of approximately £71m. It was seized at Tilbury Docks in a frozen meat container.

Sixteen black holdalls were discovered each containing 25 kilos of cocaine. Investigators replaced the cocaine with dummy packages of bricks to allow the container to continue its journey to its end destination, a cold storage unit in Wigan.

David McDermott

Prison sentences totalling 77 years have been handed down to the seven cocaine plotters.

National Crime Agency senior investigating officer Joanne Ralfs said: “McDermott was the logistics man for a crime group whose members were willing to use extreme violence. He was an integral part, looking after transportation and making sure the job went ahead.

“This particular crime group had a significant impact across the north west and if this conspiracy had come off, the drugs had the potential to devastate communities.”

CAR OF THE FUTURE HITS THE STREETS

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

A GREEN energy firm based in West Lancashire is test driving its ‘car of the future’ on the streets of Southport.

The Ormskirk company is giving Sefton residents a glimpse into tomorrow’s world of high tech motoring by showcasing its new vehicle, powered solely by rain water, in the resort.

The eco friendly motor has been designed by Clean Power Solutions, which claims to be the only company in the world producing mass small scale hydrogen refuelling stations.

The stations can fit in a single car parking space - making them one of the most effective and simple recharging stations in the UK. CPS boss Marc Stanton, a former lecturer at Edge Hill University, decided to show off the new vehicle in Southport and took a specially converted Renault Kangoo on a tour of a number of resort landmarks for people to see how it works.

Marc Stanton with his hydrogen powered car

Marc, 59, uses the vehicle for day to day company business supplying a number of local firms with green energy equipment.

He hopes that with an increasing demand for alternate forms of energy, his hydrogen fuel cells and modifed car will be the vehicle of the future – and he thinks it may not be long before Southport has its very own hydrogen refuelling station!

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Suspended jail sentence and driving ban for road rage motorist

Report by **Lynda Roughley**

A MOTORIST from Aughton who knocked over another driver in a road rage incident on a busy trunk road has been given an eight-month jail sentence suspended for 18 months and ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid work.

Peter Anderson was also ordered to pay his victim, Charles Starkey, £250 compensation and banned from driving for 18 months after which he will have to take an extended re-test before he can get back behind the wheel.

Recorder Stephen Bedford told him that after viewing footage of the incident "there is a degree of road rage on both sides."

He said that while the victim's reaction contributed to the incident to some extent "that is no excuse for the way you drove that particular day and the way you drove in such a way as to cause him to fall into the road at a busy junction."

He pointed out that the victim was fortunate not to have suffered more serious injury or been knocked into the path of other vehicles.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that the two men had exchanged words after Anderson's Ford Focus had "cut him up" and while 58-year-old Mr Starkey stood directly in front of his car he drove forward.

"Mr Starkey could not move in time and the glancing blow knocked him off balance and he rolled over the bonnet and ended up on the road," said Frank Dillon, prosecuting.

Anderson continued onwards but stopped a short distance further down by Switch Island at Maghull by which time another motorist had stopped his car to come to the victim's aid.

The whole incident was graphically captured on the dashboard camera in Mr Starkey's car and played to the court.

It showed the white Focus pulling sharply in front of Mr Starkey's car and Mr Starkey beeped his horn and flashed his headlights. When the two cars drew level a little further along Dunnings Bridge Road, Mr Starkey shouted at the driver, "use your eyes."

They both began to move forward but Anderson pulled sharply in front of him and got out and shouted, "what are you saying, s***house?"

Mr Starkey, who told his wife sitting alongside him to phone 999, got out and it was when he was in front of the Focus that he was knocked over, said Mr Dillon.

When treated later that day, the victim, who had limped back to his car, was found to have tenderness to the left side of his abdomen.

In interview Anderson said that the victim had contributed to the incident but in hindsight he would have done things differently and was sorry for any injury he had caused.

Anderson, 54, of Noel Gate, Aughton, pleaded guilty to dangerous driving.

Michael O'Brien, defending, said that Anderson has no previous convictions and now realises he had been suffering from depression and stress after the death of his mum and work pressures.

He has now changed jobs, is on medication and having counselling.

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Schools set to lose £1.4m in funding

Report by **Henry James**

HIGH schools in West Lancashire could lose out on more than £1.4m in funding as a result of new government proposals, according to the National Union of Teachers (NUT).

Figures released by the union indicate that the schools which will be hardest hit are Ormskirk School and Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College in Skelmersdale.

They also suspect 70 posts could be lost at high schools across the borough as a result of the changes.

And they claim that unless the government allocates additional money, the proposed 'Fair Funding' reforms will result in some schools and academies losing huge amounts.

The NUT used published Department for Education data to calculate cuts to England's primary and secondary schools over this parliament (2015 – 2020).

And, according to the union, Ormskirk School will lose £349,571 in funding and 18 teachers.

A spokesman for the NUT said: "For every school which gains from this, others will lose - and almost every school will lose when the impact of inflation and other cost increases - against which the government's funding freeze offers no protection - are also taken into account.

"Unless the government allocates additional money, schools and academies will lose huge amounts of money - rising to £2.5 billion a year nationally in real terms by 2020. We estimate that 92% of schools could lose out, even after the introduction of a new funding formula. These cuts will hurt us all.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College in Skelmersdale

"The NUT and the ATL are calling on the government to take immediate action to inject much-needed money into an already beleaguered system and protect schools from rising costs. It is the only sensible solution to a crisis with which schools are already dealing and which is set to get worse."

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "The Fair Funding of schools consultation started a few days ago and will run until the end of March 2017.

"The county council and the Lancashire School Forum will consider the details and consult on their implications with schools and other stakeholders.

"We are still waiting for the announcement of the 2017/18 Dedicated School Grant which will outline the level of funding that will be available for the next financial year. This has remained the same for the last few years now."

The projected figures for West Lancashire high schools are:

- **Omskirk School: £349,571**
- **St Bede's: £132,243**
- **Burscough Priory: £129,903**
- **Up Holland High: £182,935**
- **OL Queen of Peace: £346,191**
- **Lathom High: £273,672**
- **Tarleton Academy: £68,432**

Historian uncovers Halsall links to famous composer

A HISTORIAN researching one of England's most famous and prolific composers, has uncovered a link to Halsall.

During his work on the life of Ralph Vaughan Williams - whose prodigious output included operas, ballets and chamber music, - historian Stephen Henders came across a family connection to the West Lancashire village.

He has learned that the composer's father, Arthur Vaughan Williams, spent a year in Halsall from July 1863 to July 1864 as a curate under the guidance of Rector Thomas Hollinshead Blundell, teaching local children scripture three times a week.

And his research also uncovered some shocking details about infant mortality in the village in the mid-Victorian era.

During his time at Halsall, Arthur assisted the rector at St Cuthbert's Church, including taking on duties for baptisms and burials. And in just that one year he buried 41 people, 25 of whom were children, most of them under five years old.

Stephen said: "There was an appalling mortality rate amongst infants of farm workers equal to, if not worse than, the death rates in the notorious slum areas of Liverpool and Manchester.

"Conditions were often insanitary in a farmland area like Halsall and disease was common with no vaccinations available.

The composer Ralph Vaughan Williams

"Children were dying from illnesses such as influenza, whooping cough and scarlet fever. There were also local epidemics of smallpox and measles.

"The outbreak of smallpox is recorded in the school log and in one two-week period in September 1863 Arthur buried five infants under the age of two.

"However, in the same year he also christened 41 children."

Staff don wacky woollies for Save the Children

Report by **Henry James**

STAFF at a Skelmersdale trading company recently put on their warmest, wackiest and most festive woollies to raise money as part of Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.

Following their donation to Queenie's Christmas Charity in Liverpool of 1,000 selection boxes, staff at Innox Trading Ltd set themselves up to have a very charitable Christmas this year and donned their msot colourful jumpers to raise money for Save the Children before heading in to 2017.

And they were not alone in their endeavours as silliness swept the nation with people in schools, offices and homes up and down the country donating £2 to sport a festive sweater for the day.

All money raised through the wacky woolly-wearing could help give a child living in a refugee camp clothes to keep them warm through winter, help buy nutritious food for their entire family, or set up a safe space to give children the chance to be children again.

Staff at Innox Trading with their festive jumpers

Shamir Patel, managing director of the company based at Greenhey Place, East Gillibrands, said: "After a successful year, we decided that we should do something to mark this that involved all of our members of staff.

"With it being the time of year for Christmas jumpers, this was the obvious event to get involved with.

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An artist's impression of the new Townhouses

How the new development will look - an artist's impression

Work set to start on new £36m scheme at Edge Hill

Library, student services centre and accommodation blocks planned in state-of-the art development

Report by **Henry James**

THE start of 2017 will see work commence on several 'state-of-the-art' new buildings for the Edge Hill University campus as part of a £36m development.

The scheme will include a new library and student services centre, plus accommodation for 250 senior students, located on the site of the university's old running track.

First to be completed will be the new residences - three and four-storey townhouses comprising 263 bedrooms.

Improved

These will be available to second-year, third-year and postgraduate students, meaning more of these students can be housed on campus rather than renting privately outside of the university.

The residences will be completed in two phases, with the first opening in time for 2017 occupancy and the second in 2018.

The four-storey library and student services centre, planned for completion in summer 2018, will be much larger than the current library facility and feature a range of different study areas, social spaces and much-improved electronic facilities, as well as easier access to the university's entire book collection.

Edge Hill vice-chancellor, Dr John Cater, said: "Over the past five years the university has invested heavily in constructing new residences to ensure that all first-year students who so choose can live on campus.

"We are now extending that offer to a proportion of senior and postgraduate students with the construction of a series of new townhouses for 2017 and 2018 occupancy.

"Alongside this, and to ensure we sustain our position as one of the country's top two campuses in the 2016 Times Higher survey, we are investing over £26m to construct a new library and student services centre, simultaneously releasing high-quality space for learning and teaching and departmental use."

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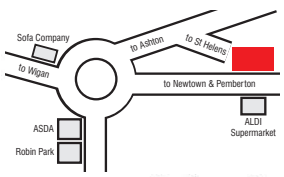

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Car of the future hits the streets

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The Hydrogen tank is filled up in around three minutes, giving it a range of approximately 300 miles.

Marc told the Champion: "Hydrogen is the fuel of the future and can be made from rainwater and renewable energy.

"The van is actually an electric Renault Kangoo, but comes fitted with a small Hydrogen tank and a Hydrogen fuel cell that produces the electricity to keep the van's batteries topped up. Therefore, the batteries never go flat or need recharging.

Clean Power Solutions (CPSL) manufacture the world's only small-scale Hydrogen refueling station that can fit in a 20ft pod which can go in a car parking space.

"This means that a company could use hydrogen powered vehicles to replace their existing diesel vans and cars and they could produce all of the fuel for free from rainwater and solar panels on the roof.

"Energy costs are one of the major overheads for all businesses and renewable energy can offer a fabulous way to reduce or even eliminate those costs

"CPSL was started seven years ago by a local businessman Mike Hough and myself while I was a lecturer at Edge Hill University.

"We specialise in finding holistic solutions to renewable energy problems. Hydrogen is one of the many options that CPSL can supply.

"Other options can be bio boilers and the most popular at the moment is a wood pellet powered, combined heat and power system that can produce all of the heating for a property as well as produce electricity and can even pay for itself in as little as two years."

Councillors in war of words over seat issue

Report by **Henry James**

THE LEADER of the Our West Lancashire independent group has called for a Conservative borough councillor, who also sits on Wyre Council, to resign claiming his position his "untenable."

Councillor Adrian Owens, who represents Derby ward, believes it is "impossible" for Councillor Paul Moon to serve his Hesketh-with-Becconsall ward while at the same time being a member of another local authority.

However, Cllr. Moon said there was no legal reason against him serving on both councils and said he would continue to represent both electorates "to a very high standard."

In an email exchange between the two Cllr. Owens pointed out what he believed were the conflicts of interest of being a councillor in both areas, referring to diary clashes and highlighting important meetings he said Cllr. Moon had missed including December's full council meeting, which included subjects relevant to the Hesketh Bank ward.

Cllr Moon is able to claim an allowance of more than £9,000 for being on both councils.

Cllr Owens wrote: "It seems untenable for you to be simultaneously a borough councillor in both West Lancashire and Wyre.

"You should resign as a West Lancashire borough councillor with immediate effect.

"There are numerous conflicts of interest, not least in the allocation of resources.

"If Lancashire County Council releases more money for road repairs, do you lobby for Hesketh Bank or for your ward in Wyre?"

Cllr Owen continued: "Then there are

Councillor Adrian Owens

Councillor Paul Moon

the internal contradictions.

"Wyre Council Conservative group are against a Lancashire Combined Authority while West Lancashire Council Conservative group are in favour of the Combined Authority.

"On March 3 2016, you voted at Wyre Council for the council budget and in favour of a £30 charge for green waste collection.

"On October 19 2016, you voted at West Lancashire Borough Council against the introduction of a £30 charge for green waste collection!"

Cllr. Owens went on to highlight the likelihood of meetings of the two councils clashing and accused Cllr. Moon of failing to make residents aware that he was a member of Wyre Council when standing for the West Lancashire ward in May.

"This lack of transparency means that the electors of Hesketh Bank were not able to weigh up in their own minds the conflicts of interest and internal contradictions, nor reflect on your ability to represent two different areas in different parts of Lancashire at the same time, before they cast their vote in May's elections."

Cllr. Moon responded: "I am a councillor on Wyre Council and have been a very effective one since 2003.

"When the opportunity to apply for West Lancashire came available I asked the question if I could stand.

"I asked Gary Pagne the CEO and legal department at Wyre, the Conservative Association and Kim Webber (chief executive at West Lancashire) who all said the circumstances, although unusual, are in order.

"I haven't heard anyone complain or question the legality of the situation and is it not very similar to a councillor being both borough and county?

"As for meeting attendance, the only ones I've not attended are for holidays that were booked prior to the election in May.

"I do and will continue to represent the electorate to a very high standard on both councils."

Champ staff help stock up food bank!

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

STAFF at Southport food bank were delighted this week after receiving a huge donation of food and goods from the Champion Newspaper.

Throughout the last month staff at the Champion, based on Lord Street, have been busy collecting tinned food, none-perishables and toiletries to donate to the Southport Food Bank at Shoreline Church.

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Parbold carol service hailed a success

MORE than 200 people attended the annual Carols Around The Tree event in Parbold village recently.

Mawdesley's Red Admiral Music Academy Brass Band provided the music and pupils from Parbold Douglas Church of England Academy and Our Lady and All Saints Roman Catholic Primary School joined together to sing some songs.

Sing for Fun from Parbold joined the celebrations as well. There was mince pies and mulled wine in the hall after the event.

Tim Cornah gave an address and Bev Heyman read a poem out at the end.

Bev Heyman said: "The event has been running since 2008. The weather was kind to us this year and we did not get wet. Thank you to all those people who turned out."

Mawdesley's Red Admiral Music Academy Brass Band at last week's Carols Around the Christmas Tree in Parbold.

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OLD BED RECYCLING SERVICE

Thousands set to take advantage of winter fuel help

Simon Hopkins of Tun2us charity

Report by **Henry James**

A LEADING poverty charity warns that many people in the county are living in cold homes because they struggle to pay their energy bills.

Despite 181,750 households in Lancashire receiving the Winter Fuel Payment to help with the energy costs last Winter, the charity says that many will cut back on heating their home this Winter because they are struggling financially.

Turn2us charity says that it is crucial that those in Lancashire who are concerned about their fuel bills receive the support that they are eligible for.

Research by Turn2us found that over half of those surveyed (53%) were not aware that many energy suppliers offer support towards Winter energy bills to certain customers, such as those on low incomes.

Similarly, two-thirds (66%) were not aware that some energy suppliers have charitable trusts to help certain customers who are struggling with their energy bills.

Turn2us is a charity that helps people in financial hardship gain access to welfare benefits and charitable grants and is running a No Cold Homes campaign to raise awareness of the different types of support that are available to those in Lancashire who are struggling with their energy costs

Simon Hopkins, chief executive of Turn2us, said: "Our research lays bare the extent to which people are needlessly suffering in cold homes this winter.

"Over half of people who have come to Turn2us looking for support, people who by definition are already taking that first difficult step and looking for help, do not have any awareness of the support that they can get towards fuel bills. What's even more concerning is that it is older people and those living with a disability that will be hardest hit.

"Having just had a record breaking cold November, it is absolutely imperative that people are made aware that help is available. That is why we are urging people to check with relatives and neighbours, especially those who are older or living with a disability, so that we can tackle this situation head on."

Late bus saved Philip from Berlin market terror attack

Report by **Tom Martin**

A MAN from Crosby has described how a late bus may have saved him from being a victim of the terror attack at the Christmas market in Berlin last week.

Philip Flenley, 26, was visiting friends at the market in the German capital on Monday, December 19 when a lorry was driven into the crowds at speed killing 12 people and leaving dozens of others seriously injured.

Philip had arranged to get a bus to the market, but it was a few minutes late, so when he arrived the horrific attack had already occurred.

He believes if the bus had been on time, he would have been walking on the exact stretch of market which the lorry smashed through because it was where he was to meet his friends.

Philip, who went to Chesterfield High School, told the Champion: "I was on my way to the market to catch up with some friends and have a bit of a Christmas farewell.

"My friends waited until 8pm for me because I couldn't get there earlier, so they went to one of the huts to stay warm.

"They didn't go inside one hut because it was too small. If they had they would have been only a few metres away from the lorry but thankfully, as it was they were sitting about 15 metres away."

Philip described hearing the lorry as it smashed into the stalls.

He said: "The noise of the crash into the first stall was like the scraping of a car against tarmac, only ten times louder.

"As the lorry drove through the crowd my mate Henry saw the splintering stalls, things flying everywhere.

"As it went through the crowd they could hear the bodies thudding against the lorry and the rush of wind following because of the speed it was going at.

"In an eerie way there was a sort of silence before and after and for a moment people seemed to freeze to the spot.

"Then it was chaos. People were running in every direction, screaming.

"My mates were scared something might explode and a couple of the group went back to have a look if they could help the injured people.

"I arrived two minutes later and my mate called me and told me to get off the bus straight away. When he told me why I thought it was some kind of weird joke.

"I truly understood the severity of the incident when I heard and saw all the emergency service sirens approaching from every direction.

Philip Flenley

The lorry which was used to crash through the crowded Berlin Christmas market

"Had my bus not been late by a few minutes I'd have been walking down the road the lorry was on looking for my friends.

"When I met them we didn't know what to say or do. We could hardly speak we were so shocked and we decided it was best to get away from the area and head home.

"It was only later at home when we thought about what happened and the circumstances that we could have been in that it hit us all hard.

"I believe that guardian angels were by our side that night and I'm so thankful we were protected from anything worse."

Police launched a Europe hunt for the man who drove the lorry into the market and the suspect was shot dead on Friday, December 23 in Milan.

Warning as man absconds from carer

MEMBERS of the public are being urged to look out for an Ormskirk man who has absconded from Nottinghamshire.

Kris Mackenzie *(right)*, 32, who is also known as Kris Hughes, absconded from the company of a health worker in Beeston town centre at around 11am on Wednesday, December 21.

He is 5ft 6ins tall, is of stocky build and speaks with a Liverpool accent.

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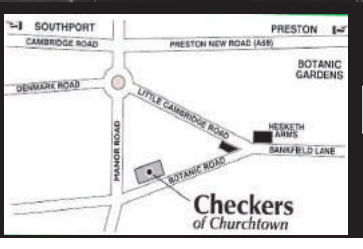

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Flood support line ready to help in case of crisis

News Desk: 01704 392 400

Report by **Henry James**

A YEAR after the floods that deluged communities across West Lancashire, a national helpline say they are ready to help in case of a similar crisis.

In the eye of the 2015 winter storms, calls to the National Flood Forum helpline more than doubled compared to previous year and increased by a third as compared to other devastating floods in 2013.

From December to January 2015/16 as Storms Desmond, Eva and Frank caused widespread flooding, the helpline took hundreds of calls from people who were most commonly concerned about insurance difficulties - including having no insurance, the process of reinstating a home and financial support to help people recover.

Richard Dixon took this photograph of flooding in Rufford using a drone in December 2015

Emotional support

The charity's helpline provides practical and emotional support to anyone affected by flooding and calls to the service spike in the immediate aftermath of a flood event.

The National Flood Forum also offers face-to-face support once the emergency services have left and for the many months afterwards.

In the aftermath of Storm Desmond a team of staff from the charity undertook a 16-day tour of 20 flood-hit locations across Cumbria, in partnership with other agencies, and gave advice to more than a thousand people with flooding concerns.

The process of recovering from a flood can take anything from six months to two years and beyond.

Many of those who were affected last year are only just returning to their homes in readiness for this Christmas.

Paul Cobbing from the National Flood Forum said: "Recovering from a flood turns people's lives upside down.

"Everything that was once normal is changed.

"Flood recovery is all-consuming and as we approach another winter we know that the sound of rain can send people into a panic that they may have to face it all over again.

"That's why we exist as a charity – to offer our support and expertise with everything from insurance battles, to managing the painstaking rebuild of a home and very commonly the emotional burn out and stresses that people face."

The National Flood Forum helpline is open during office hours, Monday to Friday and can be contacted on 01299 403055.

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Public reminded: 'You can have your say on council agenda'

MEMBERS of the public are being reminded that they have the chance to give their views on matters arising on the West Lancs Council agenda.

Residents have the chance to speak on certain items at council meetings where important decisions are made that affect people across the borough.

In addition to arrangements already in place for speaking at planning and licensing committees, there is also an opportunity to speak on items being considered at meetings of the cabinet, the audit & governance committee, standards committee and overview and scrutiny committees.

Dates of forthcoming meetings are as follows:

- Cabinet, Tuesday, January 10, 7pm
- Executive overview and scrutiny committee, Thursday, January 26, 7pm.
- Audit & governance committee, Tuesday, January 31, 6.30pm.

Agendas for these meetings will usually be published on the council's website in the week preceding the meeting. For example the agenda for the January executive overview and scrutiny committee will be published on Wednesday, January 18.

Council leader Ian Moran

However, due to the Christmas period the agenda for January's Cabinet meeting appeared on the council's website on Thursday, December 22.

To request to speak, members of the public must contact the council's member services with their request by 5pm on the Thursday of the week preceding the meeting.

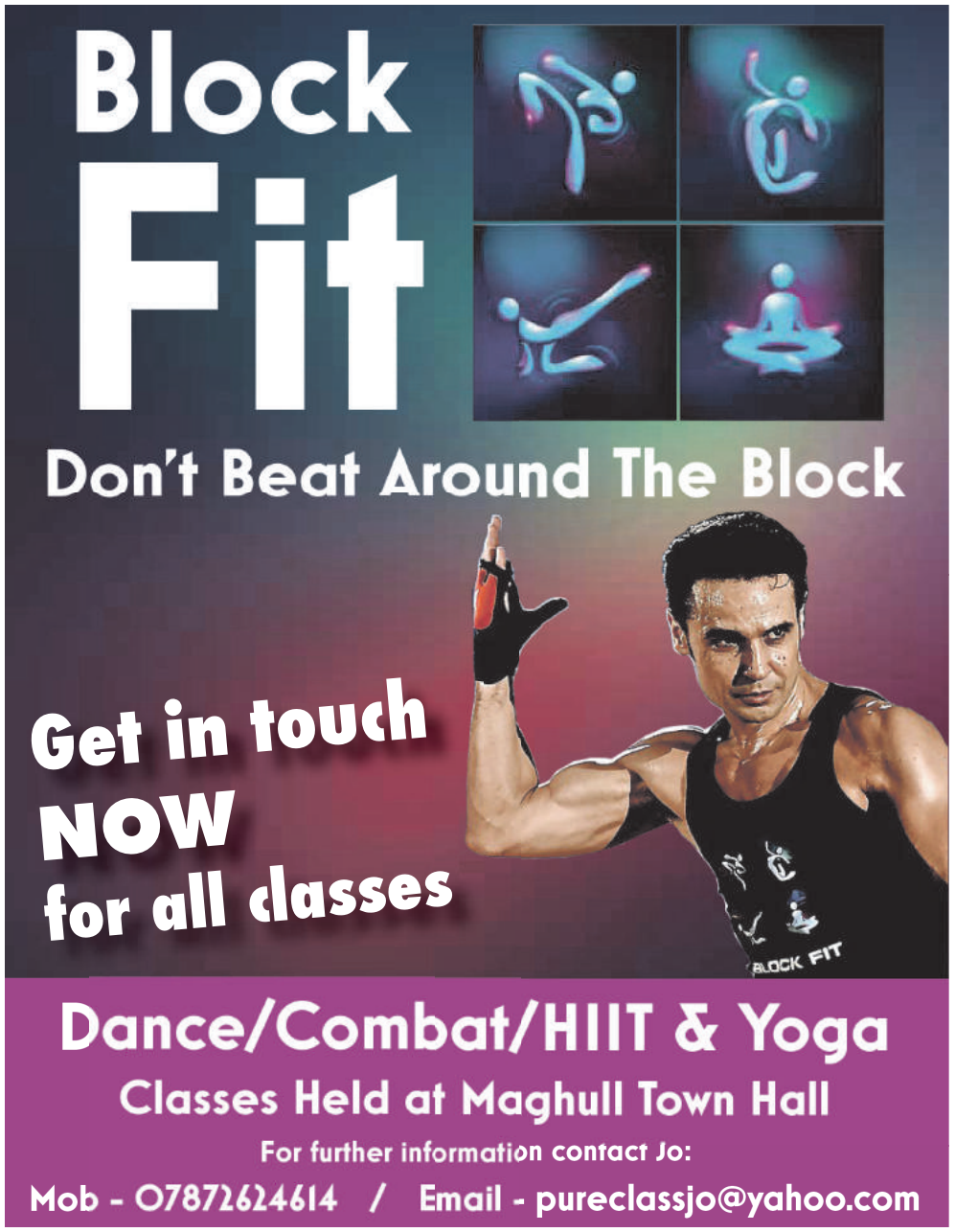
For example a request to speak at the January Cabinet must be made by 5pm on Thursday, January 5.

Request can be submitted by email to member.services@westlancs.gov.uk or by sending to: Member Services, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, West Lancashire, L39 2DF.

Full details of the arrangements are provided in the council's public speaking protocol which can be found at www.westlancs.gov.uk/speak.

Leader of the council, Councillor Ian Moran, said: "The council provides services for the benefit of people living and working in the borough and the views of local people on those services are really important to us.

"So please take a look at the agendas for these meetings when they are online and let us know if you want to come and speak on any of the items listed."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Charity shop's last Christmas

THE Cancer Research UK shop in Burscough Street, Ormskirk was due to close its doors for the last time on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24.

Since it opened 16 years ago it has raised an incredible £1.6m for the worthy cause and the team of volunteers and staff thanked everyone who has donated or used the shop over the years.

Meanwhile, members of the public can still use the Cancer Research UK store in nearby Aughton Street which recently celebrated its 25th year of opening, having raised £2million.

Area manager for Cancer Research UK, Sarah Loughran, said: "I would like to say a huge thank-you to the community for the support we've received.

"I'd also like to thank the amazing staff and all the incredible volunteers who have given their time to our Burscough Street shop. They have done a fantastic job but it makes sense to focus our fundraising effort on one shop in the town.

"All our Ormskirk customers are very welcome at the Aughton Street store, which is in a great location and sells high quality items with all profits going to Cancer Research UK.

"Cancer Research UK receives no government funding for our life-saving research and so we rely on the people who support us by shopping with us, making a donation or generously offering their time."

Matt Unsworth, who managed the Burscough Street shop for three years until 2015, said: "It's incredibly sad to see the shop close. Luckily, we have another store in Ormskirk and all our volunteers will be moving to the Aughton Street store after Christmas.

"I want to say a huge thanks to all our volunteers, supporters and customers for a fantastic 16 years of trade."

Matt Unsworth outside the Burscough Street shop.

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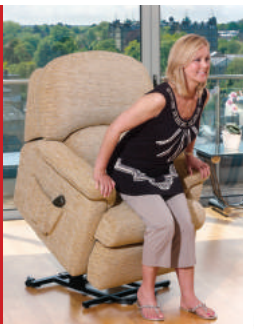

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Stray dogs will be collected and taken back to the home. Any pet owners who wish to collect their pets must contact the home first on 01942 671215.

For details of when the home will be open and the service will be available, call them or visit the website www.leighdogsandcatshome.co.uk, as opening hours will be reduced over the holiday period.

Normal service resumes on Tuesday, January 3.

Councillor Kevin Wright, the council's cabinet member for environmental health, said: "We hope all dog owners will be responsible and keep their pets safe. However, if anyone does see a stray dog between Christmas and New Year they should report the animal to Leigh Dogs and Cats Home.

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Residents' group welcomes appeal victory

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE chairman of a residents campaign group has welcomed the decision to refuse an appeal by developers for a huge housing development in Aughton.

Redrow Homes' appeal relating to their plans to build 250 homes on land in Parrs Lane was rejected by a government planning inspector.

In September, Colin Atkinson, chairman of the Aughton Residents Group, praised West Lancs Borough Council for challenging the Planning Inspector's decision to allow developer Wainhomes to build 150 homes on land in Aughton. The previous approval had overturned the council's original decision to refuse planning permission.

Mr Atkinson said: "We were given an early Christmas present when Redrow's appeal was refused. We are delighted with the inspector's decision. He has chosen to dismiss this appeal in favour of the already adopted Local Plan which he obviously considers to be sound at this point in time.

"We'd like to thank all our supporters, including members of Keep Aughton Green, West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper, the borough council, local ward councillors and Aughton Parish Council, all of whom have helped to raise the awareness of local residents and offered resistance to these proposed applications.

"The latest refusal tops off a mainly positive 18 months for the preservation of our semi-rural village environment which has also seen moves to build solar farms and even a retirement village thwarted. We look forward to seeing the continuance of favourable decisions in 2017."

Mental health champion awarded Edge Hill scholarship

AN Edge Hill University student has been awarded a prestigious Excellence Scholarship recognising her dedication to helping young people and the local community.

Iqra Ali

As well as studying for her degree in operating department practice, 19-year-old Iqra Ali is the Campaign Officer for the Youth Focus North West steering group.

Iqra stood for election as a Member of the UK Youth Parliament and is currently involved in a project looking at the effects of changes in services on young people in the north.

Regionally and nationally mental health has been selected as the top campaign for the last three years by members of the UK Youth Parliament, and as a mental health campaign representative Iqra wanted to do something about it.

"So many people are affected by mental health issues, including a large number of young people who are going through the transitions from high school to college and university," said Iqra.

"The thing that inspired me the most is that as a young person, I understand the stress and pressure young people feel and I wanted to help those who might be going through a hard time. Everyone talks about wanting to make a change but no one does it, so I'm going to do what I can to make a positive change."

She added: "When I received a call to say that I had been awarded a scholarship, I was shocked and thought someone was playing a prank on me.

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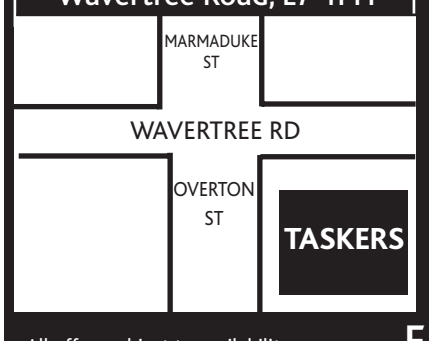

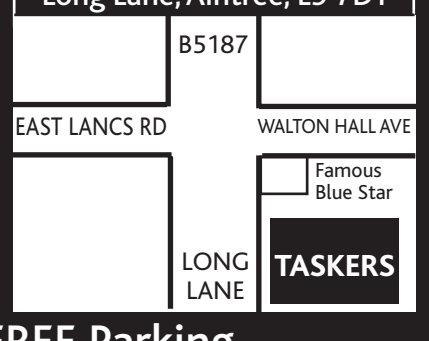

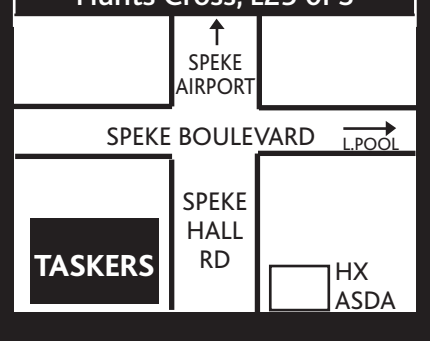

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My dog Cinders must have a stomach like a cement mixer!

CONFUSING thing this Christmas and New Year.

I'm sitting here wracking my bemused brain trying to adjust to exactly which week I'm writing this for.

In fact, at this moment it is still three days before the Great Day itself – but you won't be reading it until the tinsel is already fading and you're onto your first or perhaps second turkey curry.

While I am still debating whether or not I should buy myself a duck for Christmas dinner, and if I do, should it be a posh (ish) one, or a 'standard' frozen little thing?

Actually I have more immediate problems on my mind.

I have a penchant for Payne's Poppets, the 'proper' minty kind.

A local store is selling a fair-sized box of them for just £1.

Unhappily though I am now on my second box, which is more than half empty with most of the contents of said boxes inside Cinders.

Presents have by now been given and received, so it's a bit late to ponder who might like a gift-wrapped greedy (though loveable) animal for life rather than just for Christmas.

For me, planning for Christmas has become akin to a military exercise – where can I put this, that or the other where Cinders can't get to eat it?

Of course, I love the stupid creature dearly – but why she cannot understand that she would get more to eat, and see less of her bedroom (she has adopted my late brother's room as her own) if she emulated my dog Tina and waited to be given treats, I must admit I cannot fathom.

Anyway, now you are presumably planning your New Year celebrations – a far more simple thing for me than the extravagance of Christmas.

A bottle of non-alcoholic wine – they are quite good these days and you really can, just about, kid yourself it's the real thing – and something tasty for New Year's Eve supper, and that's just about it.

Apart from having once again traditionally to light the 'real' fire in the dining room.

That in itself used to be something of a dark art to me – until I discovered those 'fire logs' that burn in a most satisfactory manner and ignite even the most stubbornly damp coal quite easily.

A couple of weeks ago I bought two – one for Christmas Day, one for Boxing Day – with the intention of getting another couple for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

I left them on the floor in the hallway as a temporary measure.

Guess what? Yes, Cinders, either thinking them to be a new kind of food, or just possibly a new toy bought for her amusement, got hold of one of them, ripped off the outer paper covering and chewed a third of its smelly contents!

The thing is that whatever she eats, stays eaten – if you see what I mean.

Chocolate, biscuits, the Sunday Roast, butter – it really makes no difference. It goes down and stays down.

She must have a stomach resembling a cement mixer!

I'm sorry if this seems to be a column about a scatty dog.

That's mainly because I am at this moment deciding whether I should buy yet another box of Poppets, and just when I should let Cinders out of her bedroom again. I promise that at least will be before Christmas – so by now the prisoner will be free once more.

And a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017 to you all!

Festive fair raises £2,000 for Rainbow House

FESTIVE fair-goers raised a fantastic £2,000 for youngsters with neurological conditions.

The second Christmas fair held at Rainbow House was a great success with hundreds of visitors flocking to the Mawdesley-based conductive education centre, which offers rehabilitation, education and fun for children, young people and adults.

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Visitors enjoying the Rainbow House Christmas Fair

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I would like to thank your staff for all the help they have offered us when placing advertisements, in particular Paul Palmer who has always been very obliging. Also Henry James and Danielle Thompson who have put together some great news features from our groups.

We will most definitely continue to advertise with the Champion and look forward to continued success.

Yours sincerely
Tina Whewell
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Military Veterans are reminded that support is available over Christmas

Helping hand for services veterans facing mental and emotional issues

ARMED forces veterans who are experiencing emotional and mental health difficulties over the festive period are being reminded that they can access support from the Lancashire Military Veterans' Service.

Report by **Henry James**

For most, Christmas is a time for celebration, good cheer and family reunion, but for ex-service personnel it can bring a range of complications.

A veteran's Christmas can be filled with anxiety, depression, loneliness and family conflict.

The festive season can trigger memories of traumatic events which can cause past emotions and feelings to resurface.

When returning from the forces many people are faced with trouble in finding employment, financial worries and homelessness. This can affect their mental health, making it hard for them to lead an independent life. However, the Military Veterans' Service for Lancashire is at hand to support.

Joe Crocock, military veterans' service manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We understand that this time of year can be particularly challenging for veterans. People often become lonely as it is usually a special time to celebrate with family and friends and many veterans suffer with issues of the past and the loss of friends or loved ones in the forces.

"Christmas is a sensitive time which makes it extremely difficult for people to ask for the help and support they need. We are looking to remind veterans in Lancashire of the service we provide and want those who feel as though they have nowhere to turn to get in touch with us. Many members of our staff are veterans themselves and others have family members in the forces, meaning they understand how tough it can be.

"The service is here to help, support and guide people to the skills and tools they need to begin to build a stable life again."

The Military Veterans Service is a partnership between Lancashire Care and Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust. It provides valuable insight and understanding of life both in and out of the forces as many staff are veterans themselves or have family members in the forces.

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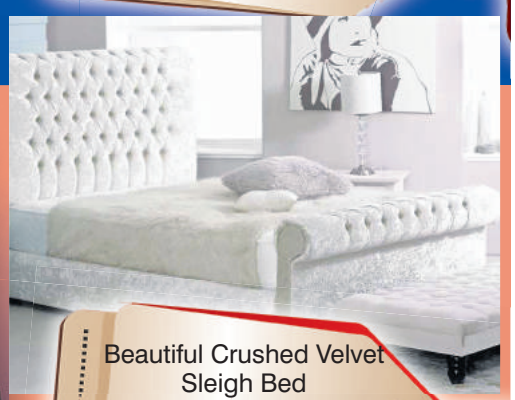

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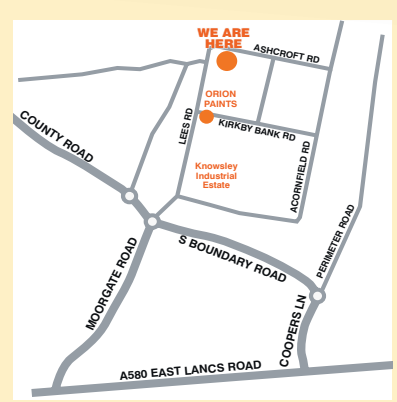

Pupils help to bring festive cheer to children in hospital at Christmas

BIG-hearted school pupils have donated more than 300 toys for sick children at Ormskirk Hospital and Alder Hey Children's Hospital to enjoy during the festive period.

Students from Rainford High Technology College also raised more than £2,000 for good causes by hosting a Christmas Fair earlier this month.

Pupils, parents, and staff enjoyed the school's second annual Christmas Fair, complete with Santa's grotto, craft stalls, brass band and carol singing.

Youngsters from all year groups helped to organise the event.

Year 9 pupils, aged 13 and 14, made crafts and gifts to sell at the fair; Year 10 pupils, aged 14 and 15, donated gifts for the tombola; and Year 11 pupils, aged 15 and 16, donated selection boxes for Santa's grotto.

Generosity

Principal, Ian Young, said: "I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone who attended and helped organise our Christmas fair. Christmas truly is a time for giving back and being thankful.

"The Christmas Fair has been inspired by members of staff whose children have been in both hospitals over the Christmas period.

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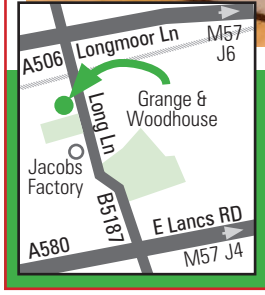

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More support for county crime victims

CRIME victims across Lancashire will benefit from enhanced support services thanks to a new £6.6 million contract offered by the county's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw.

The new three-year contract has been awarded to Lancashire Victim Services and Nest Lancashire (which provides services for young crime victims) who will deliver specialist support for those who have experienced sexual violence, domestic abuse and hate crime.

Victim Support, which currently provides a county-wide service for crime victims on behalf of the commissioner, has been offered the contract from April 2017. This was based on a legal tender process undertaken following consultation with victims, local providers and partners across the county earlier this year.

The new contract also includes domestic abuse services for the Lancashire county administrative area for the first time - a decision that has allowed the council to make savings and maintain funding for refuges in the county.

Mr Grunshaw said: "The police and our partners do their best to keep people safe, but sadly crime does happen and it is vital that support services are there for people to help them back on their feet. We currently help 40,000 local people a year and services will now be able to support an additional 20,000."

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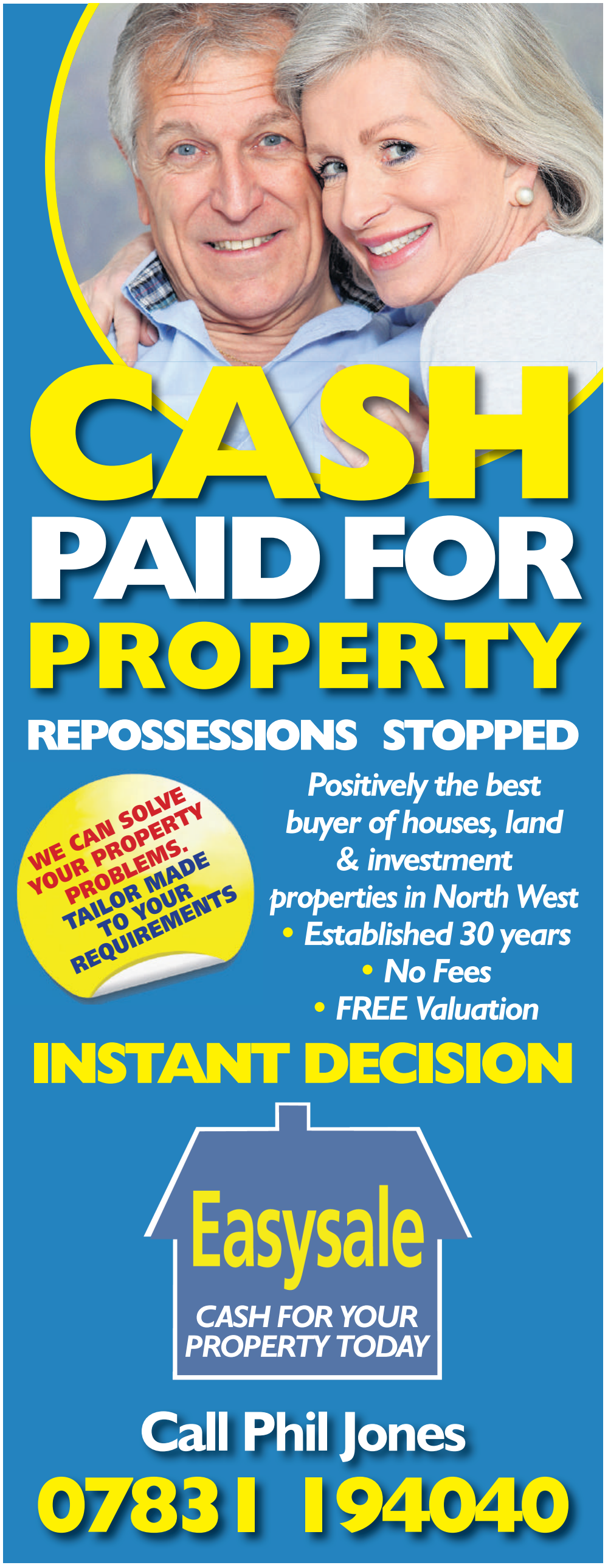

Householders urged to be vigilant to the threat of wet and dry rot

A NATIONAL trade body is urging householders in West Lancashire to be vigilant to the issue of wet and dry rot.

Wet and dry rot thrive in damp and humid conditions and this year's weather pattern - comprising of a short winter, a deluge of rain in spring and a warm summer - provides the perfect conditions for it to take hold.

According to the Property Care Association (PCA) issues with dampness can impact on a property's structure if not properly addressed.

But the trade body says that specialist investigations to establish the exact cause are key to limiting damage and ensuring localised, non-invasive treatment is carried out.

Steve Hodgson, chief executive of the PCA, said: "The fact this year's weather pattern is similar to that we encountered last year means wet and dry rot is being given an extended window to thrive.

"Wet and dry rot is caused by excess moisture and broken roof tiles, blocked gutters and leaking water pipes, as well as poor ventilation of timber surfaces, can all be sources of excess moisture and dampness in buildings.

"Usually basic property maintenance is all that is required to dry out the affected timber, but if the issue is a longer-term one, then further problems could be present.

"If the building fabric is allowed to remain wet for a long time then wood decay in the form of wet rot can be more serious.

"This is caused by wood being in contact with damp masonry with exposure to high levels of water over long periods leading to a natural breakdown process, seen in all natural organic materials.

An example of dry rot

"Commonly seen on untreated wood exposed to the elements, such as window frames, wet rot will not spread beyond the area of dampness.

"More of an issue is dry rot. The name is misleading as a moisture content in excess of 20 per cent is needed before such fungi will develop.

"Filaments of dry rot fungus are capable of spreading some considerable distance, over and through cracks in masonry, to affect timber away from its original source. However, they can only do this if the masonry or covering plasterwork is damp."

Street collection raised £400-plus for cancer charity

A STREET collection held in Ormskirk raised more than £400 for a cancer research charity.

Launched in the UK in 2012, Stand Up To Cancer is a joint fundraising campaign from Cancer Research UK and Channel 4.

The charity raises money to fund translational research, which takes developments in the lab and transforms them into brand new tests and treatments for cancer patients.

By donating money to Stand Up To Cancer, supporters in Ormskirk are helping doctors, nurses and scientists across the UK accelerate progress in life-saving cancer research.

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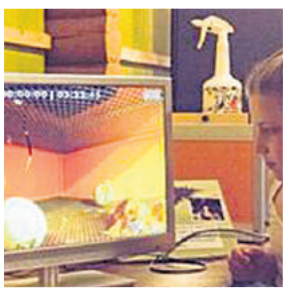

Seasons Greetings from WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre would like to thank all of our members and visitors for your support over the last year.

Centre Manager, Nick Brooks, said: "2016 has been another fantastic year for the centre and it has coincided with the WWT's 70th anniversary. We have had some great events including the North West Puddle Jumping Competition, Easter Duck Hunt, the return of the giant LEGO® brick animals and launch of Dusty duck which have encouraged thousands and thousands of new visitors to come and experience Martin Mere. The kingfishers have shown well all year as well as an amazing winter bird feeding spectacle. The centre has opened up a new development called Wooded Wetlands, that includes a tepee village and WWT has been involved in one of the best conservation expeditions we have ever attempted to do with Flight of the Swans. The centre couldn't do half of what it does though without the support of members and volunteers, so I would like to say a very big thank you and I look forward to seeing you in 2017 for some more exciting developments and new events."

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Super slimmer Sarah is living happy because of Slimming World

Sarah Goldsmith is looking forward to the 'New Year' more than ever before after losing over 2st and keeping it off with her local Slimming World group.

The 39-year-old has dropped a whopping 5 dress sizes since joining her Slimming World group in April 2015.

Sarah who weighed 10st 9.5lbs and wore a dress size 16-18 at her heaviest and is now a 'slinky' 8st 6lb and a dress size 6-8, says "I was really looking forward to this Christmas and finally feeling glamorous enough to wear the outfits I always used to but to start 2017 at my ideal weight has been the icing on the cake."

"When I was bigger, which was brought on through a spinal illness leading to three spinal surgeries, two and a half years, in a wheelchair and slowly progressing to having to walk with crutches, I was really unhappy. I didn't like what I saw when I looked in the mirror, I hated shopping for clothes and I felt self-conscious most of the time. Things are completely different now and I feel much more confident than I used to.

She adds, I was very nervous when I first walked through the doors of the group because I expected everyone to judge me, but I needn't have worried because everyone was so friendly and welcoming. I've made friends and I love swapping recipes and ideas every week. There's lots going on in the group so it's always lots of fun. My Consultant has been so supportive too, she's positive and enthusiastic and is always at the end of the phone if I need her."

After joining Slimming World, Sarah began following the club's Food Optimising healthy eating plan and was amazed to discover that she didn't have to give up her favourite meals: "I actually eat the same things now as before – Chinese, roast dinners, pasta dishes – but they're all made from scratch and I still eat out too – I just make healthier choices like having pasta with a tomato and vegetable sauce instead of meals that are fried or covered in creamy sauces or dressings."

Before I lost weight I would dread it though, because I could never find anything to wear on nights out, as I've always needed to order clothes online as getting to the shops isn't an easy task. I would feel uncomfortable and out of place, that's if I didn't make an excuse to avoid socialising completely. This year I've been accepting every invitation I receive and instead of hiding in baggy or black clothes, I've be showing off my new figure!"

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Hayley Has Lost 2st and Gained A New Career!

Hayley Darracott joined her local Slimming World group after the birth of her second daughter and has now dropped from a size 16 to a size 12.

Hayley has trained as a Consultant for Slimming World, the UK's largest group-based weight loss organisation, at their national training academy in Derbyshire. Now she is opening her own group at the **Cottage Lane Mission, every Saturday at 8.00 am from the 7th January**.

She says: "Obesity is becoming such a huge issue across the UK. When I first joined Slimming World as a member, I never dreamed that I would end up helping other people to lose weight but now I just can't wait to get started. After losing 2st and completing my training, it's a privilege for me to be able to pass on the experience, insight and understanding that helped me, so that I can give my members the support they need to get to target.

"Like a lot of slimmers, I had tried to lose weight so many times before by following numerous diets but they were never sustainable because I'd always get tired of restricting what I ate. I hit a low point after the birth of my second daughter. Not only was I at my heaviest I was suffering from 'the baby blues' I'd been to Slimming World before and I knew it was the only place to go if I wanted to do something positive and just for me. I loved that you are never hungry and no foods are banned including my favourite curries and pasta dishes. There's no deprivation it's a healthy way to lose weight without starving myself.

I am excited to think as a Consultant it's my role to create that warm, supportive atmosphere to get people sharing their ideas and experiences to help others - it's going to be great fun!"

Hayley adds: "I'm so looking forward to helping anyone who wants to become slimmer, healthier and happier just like me in my very own Slimming World group which will be held at 8.00am from 7th January. For more information or to join Hayley's group either pop along or call me on 07583762529."

Instructor Iain McKinstry and his martial arts students at Burscough.

Martial arts students bid for black belt status

A BAND of dedicated martial arts enthusiasts from West Lancashire have got their sights set on black belt accreditation.

The 10-strong group from the McKinstry Family Martial Arts squad in Burscough all tested for the coveted award in Horwich.

Now the candidates - David Patten, 51, Neil Shacklady, 43, Chris Jessop, 42, David Neale, 37, Charlotte Garnett, 31, Matthew Hind, 15, Alex Jessop, 13, Glyn Hughes, 11, Pine Bowler, 11, Abdulvahhab Erikli, 10 - face an anxious wait to find out if they have passed the qualification.

Instructor, Iain McKinstry, said: "They have all trained from white belt (beginner) through to this stage with me as their instructor for an average of five years.

"This test was the culmination of all their hard work and if they have been successful they will receive the internationally-recognised qualification of Cho Dan in Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan.

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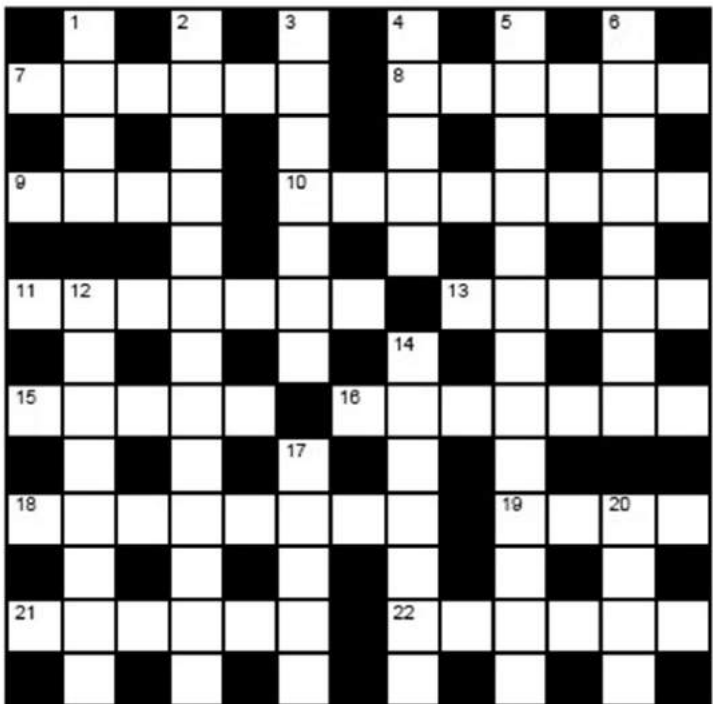

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Treasure chest. 8 Empyrean. 9 Tarn. 10 Everton. 12 Rowan. 14 Essay. 16 Carrier. 19 Lees. 20 Apoplexy. 22 Daughter-in-law.

Down: 1 Tram. 2 Lawyer. 3 Jukebox. 4 Seine. 5 Ghetto. 6 Username. 11 Visceral. 13 Savoury. 15 Assign. 17 Relent. 18 Nasty. 21. X-ray.

ACROSS

7 Act in accordance with the accepted norms of a society (6)
8 Public speaker (6)
9 Person who entertains other people as their guests (4)
10 Character or atmosphere of a place (8)
11 United in wedlock (7)
13 Growl (5)
15 Make late (5)
16 Indication of an illness (7)
18 Radioactive chemical element, atomic number 85 (8)
19 Kiss lightly (4)
21 An archer (6)
22 Avaricious (6)

DOWN

1 Reject (4)
2 Warrant officers who are in charge of police duties on a ship (7-2-4)
3 Free from anxiety (7)
4 Hooligan (5)
5 Hot, biting condiment (7,6)
6 Musical composition for a solo instrument or instruments accompanied by an orchestra (8)
12 Strong dislike (8)
14 Interaction of two or more substances to produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate effects (7)
17 Having a thin, metallic sound (5)
20 System of signals or symbols used for secrecy (4)

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Chance to see classic play at village hall

THE New production of Peter Shaffer's play Amadeus at the National Theatre in London is to be streamed to the Parbold Picture House on Thursday, February 2.

Lucian Msamati (Luther, Game of Thrones, NT Live: The Comedy of Errors) plays Salieri in Peter Shaffer's iconic play, broadcast live from the National Theatre, and with live orchestral accompaniment by Southbank Sinfonia.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, a rowdy young prodigy, arrives in Vienna, the music capital of the world – and he's determined to make a splash. Awestruck by his genius, court composer Antonio Salieri has the power to promote his talent or destroy his name. Seized by obsessive jealousy he begins a war with Mozart, with music, and ultimately, with God.

After winning multiple Olivier and Tony Awards when it had its premiere at the National Theatre in 1979, Amadeus was adapted into an Academy Award-winning film.

There is also the chance to see Henrik Ibsen's Hedda Gabler from the National Theatre, which is being streamed on Thursday, March 9.

Lucian Msamati as Antonio Salieri in Amadeus, photograph by Marc Brenner

Hedda and Tesman have just returned from their honeymoon and the relationship is already in trouble. Trapped but determined, Hedda tries to control those around her, only to see her own world unravel.

Tony Award-winning director Ivo van Hove (A View from the Bridge at the Young Vic Theatre) returns to National Theatre Live screens with a modern production of Ibsen's masterpiece.

Ruth Wilson (Luther, The Affair, Jane Eyre) plays the title role in a new version by Patrick Marber (Notes on a Scandal, Closer).

Bernard Shaw's Saint Joan from the Donmar Warehouse in London will be streamed to Parbold on Tuesday, March 28.

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Josie Rourke (Coriolanus, Les Liaisons Dangereuses) directs Gemma Arterton (Gemma Bovery, Nell Gwynn, Made in Dagenham) as Joan of Arc in this electrifying masterpiece.

The cast of Thriller Live

Audiences in for a real thriller at resort's theatre

A SHOW celebrating the undisputed King of Pop is returning to the Southport theatre in January.

Thriller Live, which was created to celebrate the career of the world's greatest entertainer, Michael Jackson will be at the Southport Theatre on Friday and Saturday, January 27 and 28.

Seen by more than three and a half million people in over 30 countries, Thriller Live continues to moonwalk around the world. Thriller Live opened at the Lyric Theatre in London's West End on January 2, 2009 and received rave reviews. It can still be seen today at the same venue.

The production will take audiences on a visual, audio journey through the magic of Michael's 45 year musical history.

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Expect your favourite songs delivered and they will include: I Want You Back, ABC, Can You Feel It, Off The Wall, The Way You Make Me Feel, Smooth Criminal, Beat It, Billie Jean, Dirty Diana, Bad, Rock With You, They Don't Care About Us, Dangerous and of course Thriller, plus many more.

Lord of the Dance tour returning to city

LORD Of The Dance: Dangerous Games the spectacular new staging of the much-loved traditional original is returning to the Liverpool Empire from January 9 to January 14.

This production will be the 20th anniversary celebration of Lord of the Dance.

The show stars: James Keegan, Morgan Comer, Mathew Smith, Cathal Keaney, Fergal Keaney and Andras Kren as the Lords of the Dance and is choreographed and directed by Michael Flatley.

With all the visceral precision and thrills of the original, Lord of the Dance: Dangerous Games features new staging, new costumes and choreography. With 40 of the world's most outstanding young performers directed by Michael, and new music by composer Gerard Fahy, this latest iteration combines the best of tradition with all the excitement of new music and dance.

Michael premiered Lord of the Dance: Dangerous Games at the celebrated Palladium Theatre on London's West End in 2014 and moved to the Dominion Theatre in 2015 where he made his final appearance on the West End stage before revisiting another sold out Wembley Arena for his final performance in the UK.

Michael was proud to realise his dream by making his Broadway debut in Lord of the Dance: Dangerous Games at the Lyric Theatre last year.

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HALLIWELL JAMES (JIM)
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Dearly beloved Husband of Betty. Much loved Dad of Karen. Dear Father in law of Phil. Devoted, loving and caring Grandad of Rebekah. Jim will be sadly missed by all his family and friends and all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Thornton Crematorium at 12.40pm on Wednesday 4th January 2017. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries to Co-operative Funeralcare, 22c Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AU. Tel 01695 577244.

BLANEY MARGARET (PEGGY)
14th December 2016
Peacefully in Park Grove Care Home, aged 83 years
Dearly beloved Wife of the late Eugene (Hugh). Dear Sister of Joseph and Michael. A much loved Auntie of all her Nephews and Nieces. Peggy will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. The Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Friday 30th December 2016 at 1.45pm. Further enquiries to Cookson Tyrer Funeralcare, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

IRWIN NORAH (NICKY)
Passed away on Monday 19th December
Wife of the late Ian Irwin of Lydiate. Loving Mother to John and Mark, Mother-in-law to Janet and Sue, Grandmother to Emily and Tom. Funeral to take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 4th January at 2.40pm. For further enquiries please contact Hunters Funeral Directors, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk. Tel 01695 572997.

DEATHS

HUTCHINSON JOHN
Passed away
7th December 2016
aged 89 years
of St. Annes Road, Marshside
Much loved by Marie, Hilary, Anne, Peter, Michael, Christopher, Philip and all his Grandchildren. Funeral Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 6th January at 2.40pm. Flowers and further enquiries please contact Margaret Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton Tel: 01695 424888

JONES STANLEY (STAN)
19th December 2016
Aged 89 years
Loving Husband of the late Dot, devoted Dad of Denise, cherished Grandad of Nicola and Alexis, Great Grandad of Nicolas and a dear friend to many, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at Anfield Crematorium on Friday 30th December at 9.20am. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel 01695 559868

PRAYERS

Saint Jude's Novena
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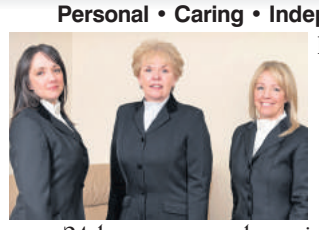
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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC)
(TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over the following lengths of highway in the borough of West Lancashire.
i. B5195 Turnpike Road at its junction with A59 Northway;
ii. Moss Delph Lane at its junction with A59 Northway,
2. The prohibitions shown at article 1 will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 16th January 2017 until 1800 hours on Monday 20th March 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closures is as follows:-
i. A59 Northway – Turnpike Road – B5195 Turnpike Road and vice versa;
ii. A59 Northway – Winifred Lane – Noel Gate – Moss Delph Lane and vice versa
4. And further; No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 30 MPH over that length of A59 Northway, from its junction with St Michael Road to its junction with B5195 Turnpike Road.
5. The prohibition shown at article 4 will be operative from 0800 hours on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 until 1800 hours on Monday 20th March 2017 or until completion of the works within this period
No speed limit imposed by this order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations
The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow gas main replacement works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/17/8/6071/ARH]

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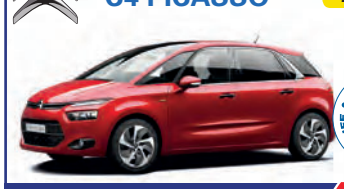

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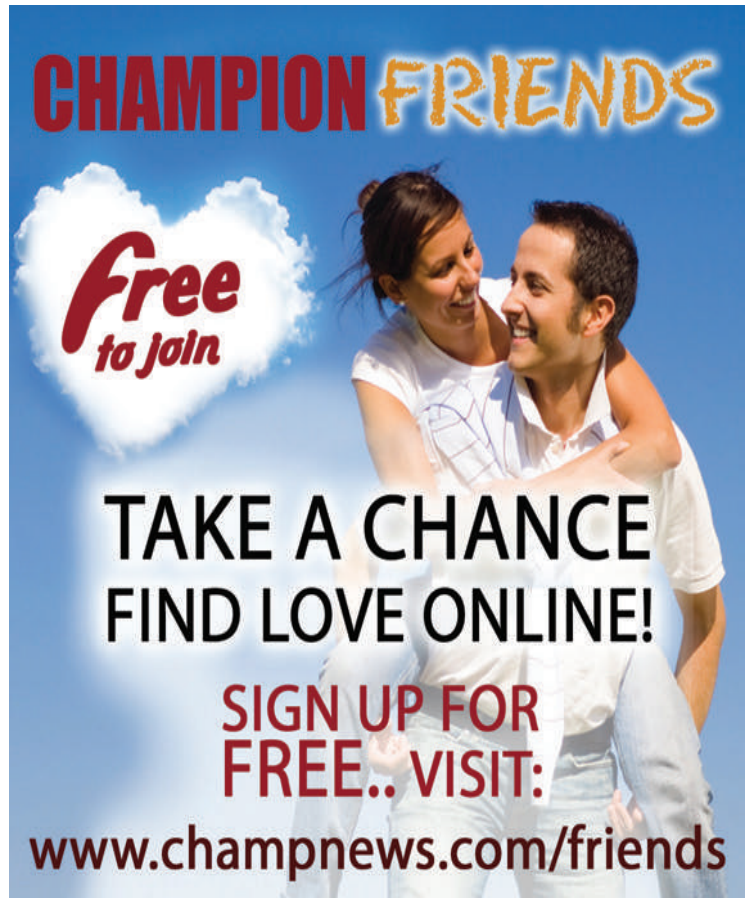

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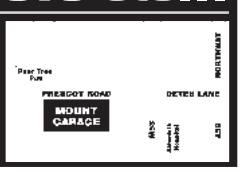

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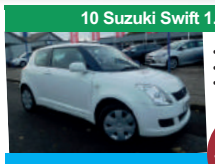

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